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SUBJ: TITO INTERVIEW IN DANISH PRESS

1. SUMMARY: IN INTERVIEW WITH DANISH PRESS PICKED UP BY YUGOSLAV MEDIA, TITO DISCOURSED ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, YUGOSLAV FOREIGN POLICY, AND HIS PERSONAL VIEWS ON HISTORY AND STATESMANSHIP. WE BELIEVE SOME OF HIS REMARKS WERE MADE WITH EYE TO SECRETARY'S VISIT HERE NOVEMBER 4. END SUMMARY

2. TITO'S INTERVIEW WITH DANISH NEWSAGENCY RITZAUS WAS PICKED UP BY YUGOSLAV MEDIA OCT 27. TANJUG ALSO CARRIED ABRIDGEMENT. THE FOLLOWING POINTS FROM INTERVIEW ARE INSTRUCTIVE ON TITO'S VIEWS ON ISSUES WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST ON EVE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT.

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3. MIDDLE EAST. TITO EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT JUST SOLUTION CAN BE

ACHIEVED THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS, ONE WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH LASTING INTEREST OF ALL COUNTRIES IN REGION -BOTH ARAB COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL - AND WHICH WOULD GUARANTEE THEIR SECURITY. HOWEVER, THIS IS POSSIBLE ONLY IF SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF EACH COUNTRY, AND LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF EACH PEOPLE ARE RESPECTED, WHICH PRESUPPOSES ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND AFTERWARDS AND RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS.

TITO SAID "EVERY COUNTRY MUST BE EQUALLY SENSITIVE TO ANY NEW CONQUEST OF FOREIGN TERRITORY WHEREVER THAT MAY HAPPEN AS IF ITS OWN TERRITORY WERE IN QUESTION". TITO NOTED YUGOSLAVIA HAS SUPPORTED ARABS AS VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION BUT HAS ALSO CONTRIBUTED, THROUGH ACTIVITIES OF NON-ALIGNED AND WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF UN TO PEACE EFFORTS.

4. GREAT POWER RELATIONS. ASKED FOR ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN GREAT POWERS (SOVIET UNION, US AND PRC) TITO NOTED THEIR ENORMOUS RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORLD PEACE, AND EXPRESSED WISH THAT MUTUAL CONFIDENCE MAY CONTINUE TO GROW DEEPER AS MEANS OF AVOIDING NEW TRIALS AND MILITARY CONFLICTS. HE CONTINUED, "OF COURSE IT WOULD BE HARMFUL AND UNACCEPTABLE IF THE GREAT POWERS OR ANY OTHER COUNTRIES WERE TO REACH AGREEMENT AT THE EXPENSE OF THIRD COUNTRIES. MOVES OF THAT KIND, INSTEAD OF STRENGTHENING CONFIDENCE AND COOPERATION LEAD TOWARDS THE CREATION OF NEW PROBLEMS AND CONFLICTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS." HE SAID YUGOSLAVIA OTHERWISE HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE USSR, THE USA AND PRC BUT NOTED THAT DIFFERENCES EXIST IN DEGREE OF DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION WITH THREE AND THAT THEY HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. TITO SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA'S POLICIES WILL DEPEND ON POLICIES OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY CONCERNED. HE ADDED, "WHEN WE CONSIDER SOMETHING HARMFUL TO PEACE, DEMOCRACY, AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WE OPENLY CRITICIZE IT. BUT EVEN IN THAT CASE WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT EXISTING DIFFERENCES -- WHICH IN SOME CASES CAN BE VERY GREAT -- SHOULD LEAD TOWARDS A WORSENING OF RELATIONS AND COOPERATION."

5. VIEW OF HISTORY. ASKED WHETHER HE IS AN OPTIMIST OR PESSIMIST REGARDING THE FUTURE OF EUROPE, TITO STATED THAT "ONE MUST BE AN OPTIMIST" AND STRIVE FOR THE KIND OF WORLD WE WANT. TITO SAID THAT WE MUST LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE RATHER THAN WITH TOO MUCH PESSIMISM. "WE MUST JUSTIFY THAT OPTIMISM BY OUR ACTIVITY". TITO SAID THAT THE WORLD HAS PROGRESSED IN SPITE OF VIOLENCE. "EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON MAN", HE SAID "I THINK THAT IN THE WORLD THERE ARE MANY MORE WISE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO ACT IN SUCH A WAY AS TO GO FORWARD. FOR, IGNORANT PERSONS CANNOT CREATE A BETTER WORLD." HE OPINED HISTORICAL CATASTROPHES WERE ALMOST INVARIABLY CAUSED BY MAD OR POWER MAD INDIVIDUALS.

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5. STATESMEN AND STATESMANSHIP: TITO PICKED LENIN AS GREATEST STATESMAN IN RECENT HISTORY BECAUSE HIS IDEAS ARE STILL HAVING INFLUENCE ON THE CREATION OF BETTER RELATIONS IN WORLD. DISCOURSING ON OTHER GREAT MEN HE DID NOT NAME, TITO SAID "FOR ME THOSE PERSONS WHO PULLED DOWN THE OLD AND BUILT SOMETHING NEW WERE ALWAYS THE GREATEST MEN BECAUSE THEY BRING SOCIETY AND THE WORLD FORWARD." IN HIS VIEW, A STATEMAN MUST BE JUST, OBJECTIVE, HAVE BROAD PERSPECTIVE AND COMPLEX CONCEPTS OF THE WORLD IN GENERAL AND SHOULD NOT BE EGOTISTICAL OR NARROW-MINDED. HE SAID A BROAD PERSPECTIVE IS ESSENTIAL FOR CREATING A BETTER WORLD. AFTER QUOTING THE GOLDEN RULE, TITO ADDED THAT IN ASSESSING A GIVEN SITUATION A STATESMAN SHOULD NOT ONLY KEEP IN MIND WHAT IS USEFUL FOR HIS OWN COUNTRY BUT ALSO THE REPERCUSSIONS WHICH WOULD BE CRATED IN THE FUTURE FOR HIMSELF AND OTHERS. CONCLUDING HE STATED THAT "STATESMEN MUST BE FAR-SIGHTED, THEY MUST HAVE A VISION AND THEY SHOULD ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT VISION."

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